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Serial No.: 09/632,154	)	Group Art Unit: 2173
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Filed: August 3, 2000	)	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	
FOR ENABLING USERS TO	)	
INTERACT IN A VIRTUAL	)	
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ ) 0**Complete if Known**

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
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1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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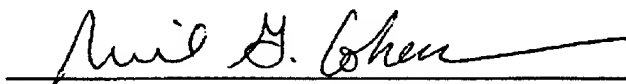
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